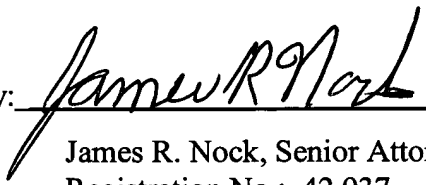


REMARKS

In an Office Action dated March 11, 2005, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to one of the following group of claims: Group I, consisting of claims 1-20 and Group II, consisting of claims 21-33.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims (i.e., claims 1-20) are in condition for allowance and respectfully request examination and allowance of all claims. In addition, the Examiner is encouraged to contact applicants' agent by telephone if there are outstanding issues left to be resolved to place this case in condition for allowance.

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